VESSEL EFFECTS

A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PUGET SOUND KILLER WHALES

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Introduction

 At the May 31, 2003 kickoff meeting NOAA Fisheries highlighted some of the vessel issues identified as potential factors affecting the status of killer whales.

Opportunity to sign up for topic-specific workshops





Ideas for Improving the Current Condition

 Kickoff participants suggested measures to improve the current condition.

 Invited participants have broad representation and include industry as well agencies that have regulatory roles.





Take Action

 MMPA requires the Conservation Plans contain site specific management actions and cost estimates for implementation.

 In addition to research, participants encouraged funding for action that could be implemented now.





Framing the Discussion

- Presenters will give information from various perspectives.
- Workgroups develop strategy statements.
- Group discussion of strategy statements to explore feasibility, identify implementing agencies or identify short term projects to implement now.
- Agency/Industry/Organization representatives can provide links to ongoing programs.

Things to Consider

- Participants identified a number of areas to explore.
- Consider the current condition and what we know.
- Document questions or data gaps, but don't try to solve them.
- Develop ideas that foster community ownership of the outcome.





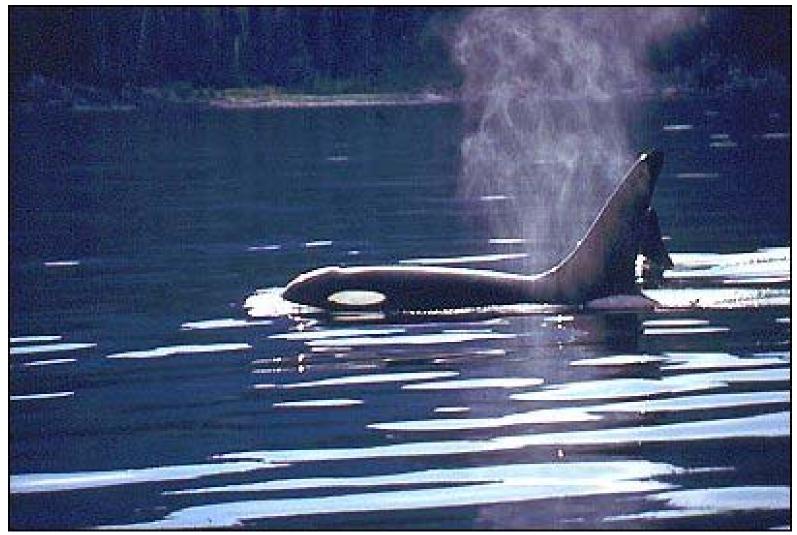
Goals

 Obtain management action ideas for consideration in the Conservation Plan and identify action agencies to assist in developing projects and cost estimates.

 Identify initiatives for improving the current condition that will create synergistic partnerships and promote community ownership of outcomes.











Next Steps and Upcoming Workshops





Next Steps

 E-mail notification when workshop notes posted

Prey workshop April 19, 2004





Conservation Planning Timeline

-Depleted Designation and Kickoff Meeting May 2003

-Process contracts for conservation efforts and planning (see web page) Summer/Fall 2003

-Contaminants and Pollution Workshop October 24,2003

-Vessel Effects Workshop

Prey Availability Workshop

-Defining Conservation

-Update on Conservation Plan Progress Public meeting

-Draft Conservation Plan

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April 19, 2004

Spring 2004

June 2004

December 2004



Thank you



